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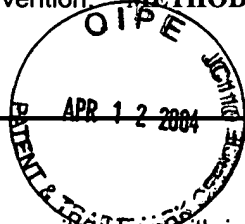
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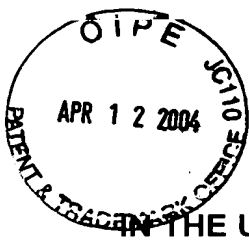
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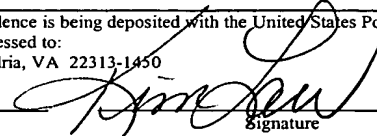
RESPONSE

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This responds to the Office Action dated January 9, 2004.

IMPROPRIETY OF "FINAL" ACTION

The Office Action of January 9, 2004, was designated as being "FINAL." However, the Office Action asserts for the first time a rejection under 35 USC §101 alleging that the claimed invention is non-statutory subject matter. 35 USC §101 had not been cited prior to that Office Action, nor had any issue regarding non-statutory subject matter been raised in any form previous to this Office Action. Making the Office Action final was clearly improper and was presumably inadvertent. Withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action of January 9, 2004, is respectfully requested. It is also requested that a courtesy of a phone call be made to applicants' attorney to confirm that a notice of appeal will not be required.

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